

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include cities, towns, counties, townships, public housing authorities, CHDOs, not-for-profit 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 corporations.

Applications from, or housing activities located within, the following participating jurisdictions are not eligible for HOME funds unless the request is for transitional or permanent supportive housing:

Anderson	Gary	St. Joseph County Consortium**
Bloomington	Hammond	Terre Haute
East Chicago	Indianapolis*	Tippecanoe County Consortium***
Evansville	Lake County	
Fort Wayne	Muncie	

**The cities of Beech Grove, Lawrence, Speedway, Southport, and the Town of Cumberland when the housing activity is located in Hancock County will be eligible to receive assistance.*

***St. Joseph County Consortium is made up of the cities of South Bend and Mishawaka and the unincorporated areas of the county. These areas are not eligible to receive funding from IHCD. Other incorporated areas are eligible to receive assistance.*

****Tippecanoe County Consortium is made up of the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette and the unincorporated areas of the county. These areas are not eligible to receive funding from IHCD. Other incorporated areas are eligible to receive assistance.*

IHCD will accept applications for HOME transitional or permanent supportive housing assistance regardless of the location within the state.

Further Clarification

Any housing activity applying for financing in conjunction with a Rental Housing Tax Credit (RHTC) development (Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code) must apply through the Qualified Allocation Plan.

Organizations that are religious or faith-based are eligible to participate in the HOME programs on the same basis as any other organization. Organizations that are directly funded under the HOME program may not engage in inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization, as part of the assistance funded under this part. If an organization conducts such activities, the activities must be offered separately, in time or location, from the assistance funded under this part, and participation must be voluntary for the beneficiaries of the assistance provided.

A religious organization that participates in the HOME program will retain its independence from Federal, State, and local governments, and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, provided that it does not use direct HOME funds to support any inherently religious activities, such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization. Among other things, faith-based organizations may use space in their facilities, without removing religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols. In addition, a HOME-funded religious organization retains its authority over its internal governance, and it may retain religious terms in its organization's name, select its board members on a religious basis, and include religious references in its organization's mission statements and other governing documents. An organization that participates in the HOME program shall not, in providing program assistance, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

HOME funds may not be used for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of structures to the extent that those structures are used for inherently religious activities. HOME funds may be used for the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of structures only to the extent that those structures are used for conducting eligible activities under this part. Where a structure is used for both eligible and inherently religious activities, HOME funds may not exceed the cost of those portions of the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation that are attributable to eligible activities in accordance with the cost accounting requirements applicable to HOME funds in this part. Sanctuaries, chapels, or other rooms that a HOME-funded religious congregation uses as its principal place of worship, however, are ineligible for HOME-funded improvements. Disposition of real property after the term of the award, or any change in use of the property during the term of the award, is subject to government-wide regulations governing real property disposition (*see* 24 CFR parts 84 and 85).